

BOSSSES' ATTORNEY INDICATES "THE WHOOP WITH WORKERS UNABLE TO STAND PACE"

The cream of labor for the bosses to sweat and asylums maintained by the state to take care of the discard of the bosses was the proposition of Dudley Taylor, attorney for the Associated Employers' Association, before the 8-hour committee in the New Morrison hotel this morning.

Taylor declared that instead of an 8-hour law, which he defined as socialistic and not a health measure, physicians should visit the different factories, examine the workers and weed out those who were not able to work the number of hours the bosses desired.

Rep. Madsen asked Taylor if he understood that this proposed legislation was to prevent the workers from being broken down and Taylor replied that the employers were expected to shoulder too much of the responsibility. He believed the state should take care of those unfit by this means to work long hours in factories.

Taylor believed that employers, if just left alone and not hampered by legislation compelling them to lower hours, would of themselves do this.

He said most industries have certain busy seasons when it is imperative that they be allowed to work their employees overtime and when it is to the benefit of the employees to be worked overtime in order that they may make money to last them during idle periods, and then he declared that employers kept employees on their payrolls during these idle periods at a loss to themselves.

Both the 8-hour bill and the amendment to it which was not introduced in Springfield on account of the motion of Leech that a sub-committee should be appointed to conduct investigations through the state are being considered at the present hearing and both are uniformly denounced by the bosses.

Walter C. Hughes, pres. Manufac-

turing Confectioners, State of Illinois, who was also before the O'Hara investigation committee on low wages, told of the hardship the proposed legislation would work on the girls employed in the candy industries on a piecework basis.

He stated that in the rush seasons when they work long hours, these girls, who must be experts, make at the very best \$10 or \$11 a week and most of them average \$7 and \$8 and their wages would be cut if their hours were shortened, as at present they were speeded to the very last degree and could not be speeded any more.

He spoke of the sanitary conditions existing in some of the factories and said some factories were better in sanitary conditions than the homes of the women who make \$7 and \$8 in busy seasons.

The employees are also given welfare work and he could not remember a single instance where the health of any girl or woman was hurt by the hours she worked.

He appealed to the committee not to strike at prostrate business and echoed Taylor's cry that already the bosses were overburdened because of social legislation, but had no answer to the reminder of Rep. Hicks that the competitors of the Illinois candy manufacturers are in states where there are 8-hour laws.

Taylor wanted a sweeping investigation before this new hardship is put on the bosses, but when asked by Rose Schneiderman of the Woman's Trade Union league if he would favor an industrial investigation committee he hedged and declared things would adjust themselves by education.

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